ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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§  GARLAND INDEPENDENT

§  SCHOOL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF DALLAS

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On this the 31st day of March, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT convened in regular session with the following members present, to-wit:

Johnny Beach, President
Robert Selders, Vice President
James Miller, Secretary
Linda L. Griffin, Member
Larry Glick, Member
Wesley Johnson, Member
Jed Reed, Member

The above members constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees were the following:

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of January 2020, the GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT called an election to be ordered May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing the office of, Place 4, currently held by Jed Reed and the office of Place 5, currently held by James Miller;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas signed a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Texas Water Code to allow all local political subdivisions that are utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor's proclamation authorizing GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT to postpone the May 2, 2020 election date, the Board of Trustees does hereby exercise its authority to postpone the General Election ordered for May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing the office of Place 4, currently held by Jed Reed and Place 5, currently held by James Miller to November 3, 2020; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said Trustee Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election previously ordered for May 2, 2020 be held in said School District on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing two members to the Board of Trustees of said School District, one member in Place 4 and one member in Place 5.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above-mentioned Trustee election for Places 4 and 5 shall remain valid for the election to be held on November 3, 2020 and that the filing period for candidates will not be re-opened for the election to be held on November 3, 2020.

3. That all annual applications ballot by mail (ABBM) for voters that are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 due to disability will still be valid for the November 3, 2020, election; and that ABBMs for voters who submitted ABBMs based on expected absence from the county shall not be valid for the postponed November 3, 2020 election.

4. That the voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2020 election is October 5, 2020, the deadline to submit an ABBM is October 23, 2020, and the dates for early voting are October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

5. The Election Judges will be appointed by the Dallas County Elections Department and the polling places may be combined for some precincts, pursuant to decisions by the Dallas County Elections Department utilizing county vote centers.

6. The polls at the above designated polling places shall on Election Day be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7. Toni Pippins-Poole is hereby appointed Early Voting Clerk. The early voting for the above designated election shall be designated by the Dallas County Elections Department. Said places of early voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day of early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday. The Early Voting Clerk’s mailing address to which ballot applications shall be sent and where persons voting by mail shall send their voted ballots is Toni Pippins-Poole, Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections Department, 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247. Emailed applications for Ballots may also be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at evapplications@dallascounty.org. Applications must be scanned and contain the voter’s original signature.
This election is being conducted as a joint election with the Dallas County Elections Department and other participating entities. The early voting locations are subject to change, based on participating entities.

8. Dr. Ricardo López, Superintendent, is authorized to contract with the County of Dallas and the Commissioners Court, or any other agency, on behalf of the School District for the carrying out of this election by the office of the Dallas County Elections Administrator in a joint election with other Dallas County government entities.

9. This Board of Trustees has determined that ES&S ExpressVote Universal Voting System (Ballot Marking Device), EVS 6.0.2.0, Firmware 2.4.0.0; the ES&S DS200 Digital Precinct Scanner, EVS 6.0.2.0, Firmware 2.17.0.0.; and ES&S’ Model DS850 High-Speed Scanner and Tabulator, Version 1, EVS 6.0.2.0., to use in all Dallas County polling places, and to mark and tabulate in-person ballots, absentee ballots, and provisional ballots for Early Voting and on Election Day for all elections, including but not limited to any Special Called Election and any related subsequent runoff elections and hereby adopts this system for use in this election.

10. The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as nearly as may be, by the Election Code of this State, and the office of the Dallas County Elections Administrator shall furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

11. The early voting ballots shall be processed by the Joint Election Early Voting Ballot Board appointed by Dallas County.

12. The Board of Trustees shall give notice of said election. The Board President, as the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to execute the notice of election. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to be posted said notice on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

13. Article XVI, Sec. 17 of the Texas Constitution allows individuals who currently hold public offices that are scheduled to be on the ballot on the May uniform election date to continue to exercise the duties of those offices until the new officers take their oaths of office, following the November uniform election date.

The Secretary shall also cause a copy of the election notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the County where the School District is located.

It is further found and determined that written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board located in the central administrative office in this School District, in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general
public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for the time required by law to precede the scheduled time of said meeting.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same does pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted “AYE”: Larry Glick, Johnny Beach, Linda L. Griffin, James Miller, Jed Reed, Robert Selders, Jr., and Wesley Johnson with no persons voting “NO.”

JOHNNY BEACH, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATTEST:

JAMES MILLER, SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT